

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 08.232

APPLICANT: Caren C. Gabriel
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LOCATION: The proposed aquatic alterations are located adjacent to the airport off of Airport Dr. in Tullahoma, TN. Coffee County (35.38196°N, -86.23659°W)

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The proposed alterations would impact two wetlands. The impacts are located in the Upper Elk River watershed (HUC 06030003). Wetland A is approximately 0.20 ac. in size and wetland B is approximately 0.07 ac. in size. Wetland A is forested and the dominant vegetation is sugarberry and sweetgum. Wetland B's dominant vegetation is sycamore, woolgrass, soft rush, and sugarberry.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to permanently fill both wetlands in order to construct a new building. The impacts would result in a total of 0.27 ac. of wetlands being permanently filled. The impacts would be mitigated by purchasing, at 2:1 ratio, 0.54 ac. of available credits from the Coffee County Wetland Bank. In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Tullahoma, TN (86-SW)

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Trent Thomas

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section

7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

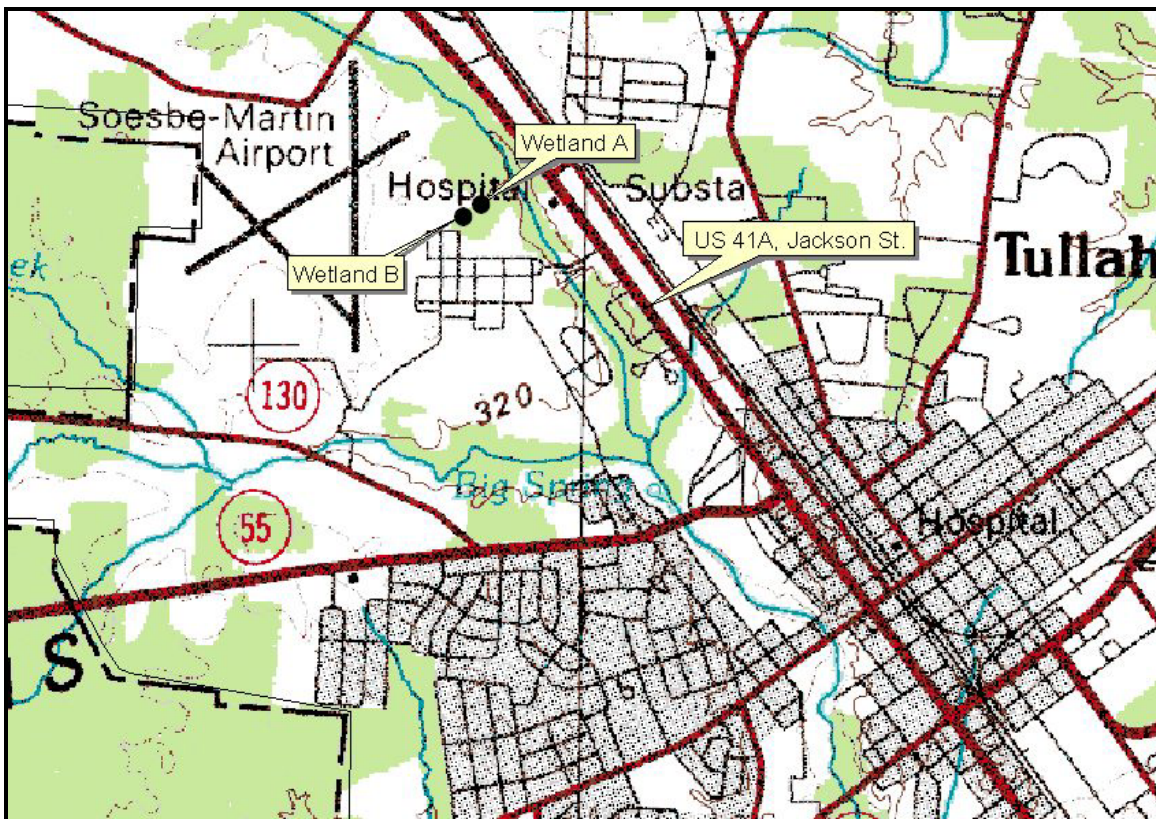


Figure 1: Approximate location of wetlands



Figure 2: Photo of Wetland A. Photo provided by CEC, Inc.



Figure 3: Photo of Wetland B. Photo provided by CEC, Inc.

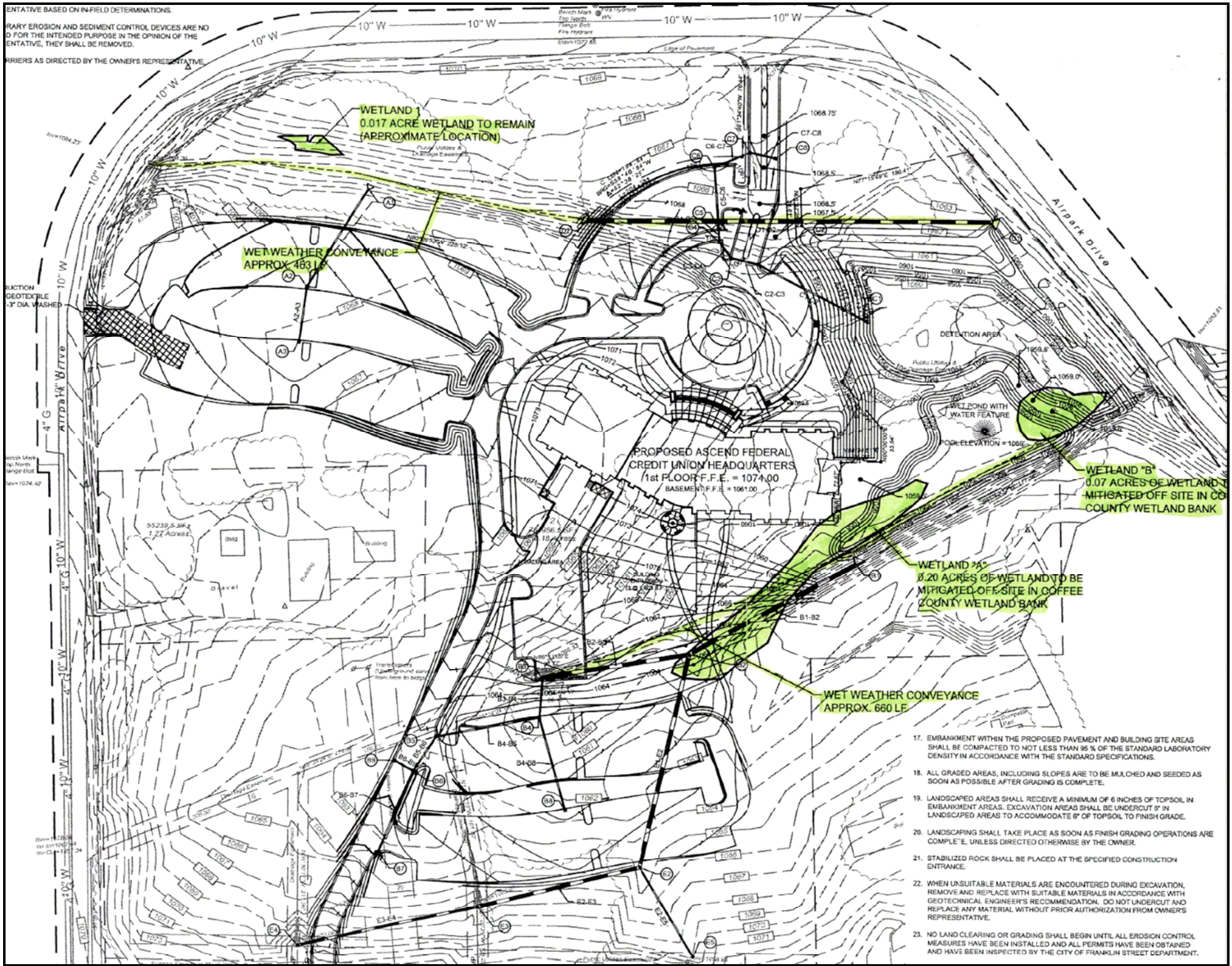


Figure 4: Plan view of wetlands and proposed building